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TOTNES RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



"Rushbrook",
Totnes.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1952 on the health of the Totnes Rural District.

The live birth rate was 14.3 per 1,000 estimated resident population as compared with 12.7 in 1951, the rate for England and Wales being 15.3.

The infant mortality rate was 20.0 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 16.9 in 1951, the figure for England and Wales being 27.6.

The death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births was 20.9

The crude death rate for the year was 11.3 per 1,000 estimated resident population, the figure for 1951 being 13.2 and that for England and Wales 11.3

General Statistics.

Area (Acres)	80,987
Population - Census 1921	11,918
- Census 1931	12,362
- Census 1951	13,923
Registrar General's estimated resident population	13,960
Number of inhabited houses (1931)	3,348
Rateable Value	£82,684
Sum represented by a penny rate	£341.7.1.

The population is chiefly agricultural, and there is no occupation which has any particular influence on health. There is very little unemployment in the area.

Vital Statistics.

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Live births</u>			
Legitimate	97	94	191
Illegitimate	6	3	9
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	103	97	200
	—	—	—
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Still births</u>			
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.3
Birth rate per 1,000 (England & Wales)	15.3
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	11.3
Death rate per 1,000 (England & Wales)	11.3
Deaths from diseases & accidents of pregnancy & childbirth	0
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:-	
All infants per 1,000 live births	20.0
All infants etc. (England & Wales)	27.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	20.9
Deaths from cancer (all ages)	25
Deaths from Measles (all Ages)	NIL
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	NIL

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

	Total	Admitted to hospital	Died
Scarlet Fever	8	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	3	3	-

All the Scarlet Fever cases were of a very mild nature and adequate preventive measures were taken for them to be nursed at home.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation, 1925.

AGE PERIOD	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
1	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
5	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
10	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
15	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
20	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
25	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
35	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
45	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
55	2	1	0	0	1	-	-	-
65 & over	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0

CAUSES OF DEATH

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1.	Tuberculosis - respiratory.....	1	0
2.	Tuberculosis - other	0	0
3.	Syphilitic disease	0	0
4.	Diphtheria	0	0
5.	Whooping Cough	0	0
6.	Meningococcal infections	0	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
8.	Measles	0	0
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0
10.	Malignant Neoplasm. Stomach	3	4
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	0
12.	Malignant Neoplasm. Breast ..	0	1
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ..	0	0
14.	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms ..	8	7
15.	Leukaemia, Aloukemia	0	0
16.	Diabetes	1	0
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	10	10
18.	Coronary disease, Angina	13	1
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ..	1	1
20.	Other Heart disease	22	20
21.	Other Circulatory disease	3	7
22.	Influenza	0	0
23.	Pnuemonia	3	2
24.	Bronchitis	5	2
25.	Other disease of respiratory system	1	0
26.	Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum ..	0	0
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea ..	0	0
28.	Nephritis & Nephrosis ...	1	0
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	0
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	0	0
31.	Congenital Malformations	0	2
32.	Other defined & ill-defined diseases ...	6	12
33.	Motor Vehicle accidents	3	0
34.	All other accidents	2	2
35.	Suicide ..	0	0
36.	Homicide and operations of war	0	0

ALL CAUSES

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WATER SUPPLY The South Devon Water Board has increased its activities in the Rural District during the year and as time goes on the bulk supply of moorland water will be available in parishes not at present enjoying this amenity

<u>WATER SUPPLY</u>		1	2	3	4	5		
Parish	Quality	Quantity	Results of Examination	Plumbo Solvency	Action taken	No. of houses supplied (Acc. to rate book)	(a)	(b)
Ashprington	Doubtful	Insufficient	-	-	New pipe from spring to reservoir	14	15	
Ashprington (Tuckenhay)	Private supply owned by paper mills.		-	-	-	-	-	
Berry Pomeroiy	Private supply owned by Duke of Somerset		-	-	-	-	-	
Buckfastleigh West			-	-	Purchased by Council	41	Nil	
Churston Ferrers	(1) Estate Supply (2) Paignton U.D.C)	Paignton U.D.C. is the Water Authority for this parish	-	-	-	?	Nil	
Cornworthy	Satisfactory	Insufficient	-	-	New 3" A.C. main from Abbey spring	26	22	

	1	2	3	4	5
Parish	Quality	Quantity	Result of Examination	Plumbo Solvency	Action take, No. of houses supplied (Acc to rate book) (a) direct (b) standpipe
					(a) (b)
Dartington	Bulk supply from Dartington Hall Estate.		Bact. samples:- (1) Satisfactory (2) Very Satisfactory	-	New 3" A.C. main at Barracks Hill 161 Nil
Dean Prior	Bulk supply from Lord Churston.		-	-	New 3" A.C. main & 2000 gallon Reservoir. 12 1
Diptford	Bulk supply		-	-	- 17 19
Dittisham	Satisfactory	Doubtful	-	-	New 3" C.I. main in Manor Street 138 34
Halwell	Satisfactory	Doubtful	(2) Satisfactory	-	- 14 11
Harberton	Satisfactory	Sufficient	-	-	Rain supply constructed 14 18
Harbertonford	Satisfactory	Doubtful	-	-	- 136 11
Holne (free supply)	see(III & IV)	Satisfactory	-	Plumbo solvent	Existing limestone filter - -
Kingswear	-	Inadequate	-	-	- 296 -
Littlehempston	Privately owned		-	-	- - 8
Marldon	Paignton U.D.C.		-	-	Mains scraped 163 38
Morleigh	-	Inadequate	-	-	Sth. Devon Water Board supply available soon. Hand pump and Well.
North Huish	-	Doubtful	-	-	- 8

Parish	1 Quality	2 Result of Examination	3 Plumbo Solvency	4 Action taken	5 No. of houses supplied (Acc. to rate book) (a) direct (b) standpipe	
					(a)	(b)
Avonwick	Now good	-	-	Main supply provided by Sth. Devon Water Board.	2 hand pumps.	
Rattery	Now good	-	-	Main supply constructed from Marley Head.	47	
South Brent	Satisfactory	-	-	-	420	25
" " (Aish)	Now good	-	-	Supply taken from Water Board's main	10	2
Staverton (Memory Cross) (Village)	Bulk supply	-	-	Electric pump installed for boosting.	22	
	Bulk supply	-	-	-	-	-
Stoke Gabriel	Paignton U.D.C. - Satisfactory	-	-	Contract supply not available during holiday season. Council pumps as reserve.	213	22
Ugborough (Village)	Satisfactory	-	-	Mains scraped)		
" (Bittaford)	Satisfactory	-	-	-		
" (Wrangaton)	Satisfactory	-	-	-	225	41
" (Filham)	Bulk supply	-	-	-		

Sewerage and sewage Disposal

Churston Ferrers - A sewerage and sewage disposal scheme is in course of construction.

Marldon - A sewerage and sewage disposal scheme is in course of construction. The Contractor has now been in the parish for over 2 years but the scheme is nearing completion.

Food

Meat and other foods

There are no public slaughter-houses in the rural district and only one Knacker's Yard which is maintained in good condition and is inspected periodically.

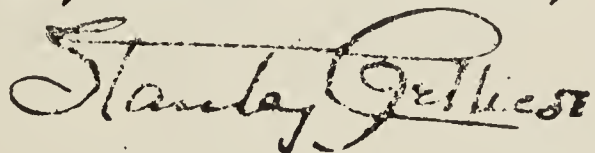
Ice Cream

There are 32 licensed retailers of Ice Cream but no manufacturers have premises in this district. All the retailers are provided with refrigerators and only sell ice cream wrapped and as supplied from the factories.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

There were no outbreaks of Food Poisoning in 1952.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stanley Gellies".

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1953

